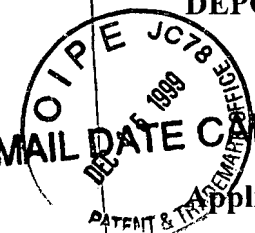


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AMENDMENT

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Cancel claims 12-21

Amend claims 1, 2, 10, 11 and 22 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A method for therapeutically applying NO, the method comprising topically applying a [composition] first gel comprising a nitrite salt, and a biocompatible reductant and a second gel comprising an acid with a pKa between about 1 and

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